(GTA) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has a proposal to introduce Swagat Seva service at selected airports.

(b) In the first phase, 10 airports have been identified and Indian Financial Consultant (IFC) and Global Technical Advisor (GTA) have been appointed to conduct the TEFS.

These Consultants will *inter-alia* indicate development plans of the airport, and business and financial plan/model specific to each airport for adoption by AAI. In the second phase 15 Non-metro airports are being taken up for TEFS.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) for appointment of Consultants have been issued for 15 airports in Phase-II. The last date of receipt of EOI is 24 January, 2005.

Expansion of smaller Airports

†1913 SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of small airports in the country and how many of these are connected with regular flights;

(b) whether some State Governments have submitted a proposal for expansion of these airports and connecting them with regular flights;

(c) if so, whether the State Government of Uttaranchal has also submitted any such proposal;

(d) if so, whether there is a proposal to expand Gouchar Chinyalsourh and Pithauragarh airstrips in Uttaranchal and also to connect them with regular flights; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are 58 small airports belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the country. Of these, 26 airports are operational. Scheduled flights are operating at 11 airports only.

(b) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The airpstrips at Goucher Chinyalsourh and Pithauragarh in Uttaranchal belong to the State Government. The infrastructure available at these airstrips have been found inadequate for operation of ATR-42 type of 50 seater aircraft. State Government has been sent the Inspection Report of AAI for taking necessary action.

Appointments in Indian Airlines

1914. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitments under peculiar circumstances exist in recruitment rules of Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the persons employed during the last five years with names, age, post, appointing authority and peculiar circumstances of each case;

(c) whether the facts of peculiar circumstances had been verified before offering the job, the details of such verifying agency;

(d) whether persons already in service are entitled for this ;

(e) the details of newspaper in which such posts were advertised with date; and

(f) whether complaints against concealment of facts have been received against them; if so, the details and the present status of complaint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Disappearance of listed Companies

1915. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 21, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 2003 and state:

(a) whether out of 185 companies with total monetary exposure of